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Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP)
Community Steering Committee Meeting #1

April 19, 2021

Roll Call



Welcome!

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Today's Agenda

- Public Comment on Agenda Matters
- Zoom 101 and Brown Act 101
- Steering Committee Introductions
- Background on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and AB 617
- CSC Co-chair responsibilities and nomination process
- Next Steps
- Public Comment on Non-agenda Matters



Public Comment on Agenda Matters



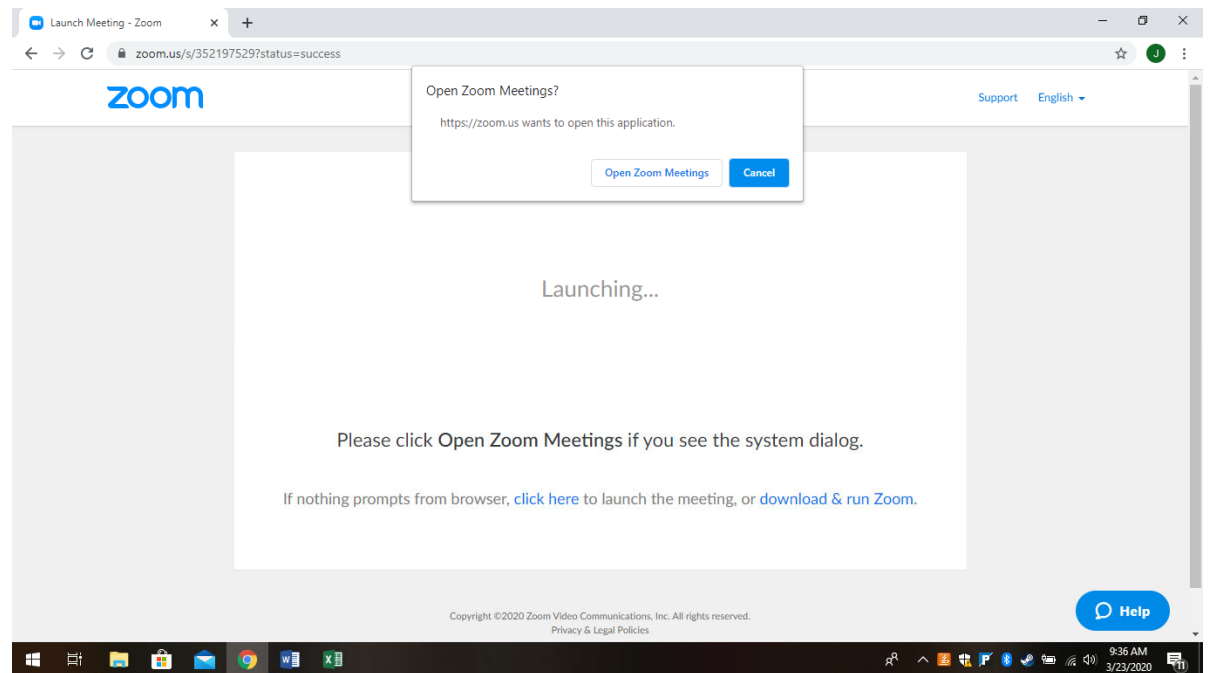
Virtual Engagement: Features & Tips for Success



Participating in Online Meetings Using Zoom

Key Functions

- Toolbar
- Mute/Unmute
- Raise Hand



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Mute/Unmute

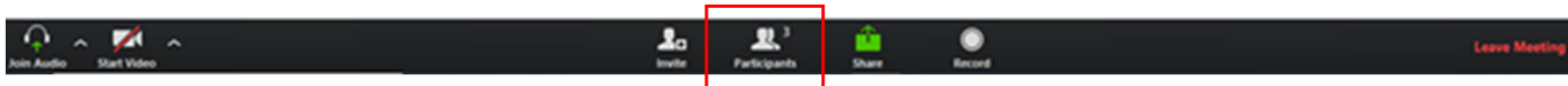
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- *Phone Audio:* Use the mute function on your phone to mute or unmute yourself



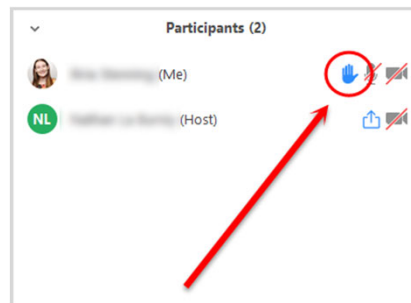
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Raise Hand

- Select the “Participant” icon on the toolbar



- Click the “Raise Hand” icon in the participants window to raise or lower your hand



Virtual Participation Principles

- One person speaks at a time.
- Please mute yourself when you're not speaking.
- Technology happens – please be flexible.
- Be respectful of one another's opinions.
- Remember this is just one meeting in a longer process.

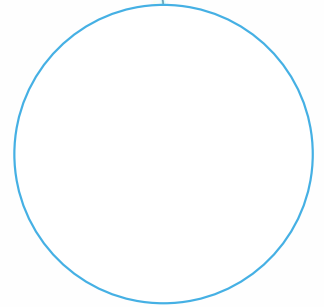


Brown Act 101 Presentation



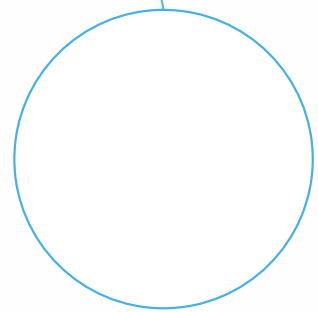
Brown Act Fundamentals

- The Ralph M. Brown Act is codified in California Government Code sections 54950, et seq.
- Purposes of the Brown Act include transparency in decision making and public participation in local government
- All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, unless an exception applies (Govt. Code § 54953)
- Brown Act purpose is broad; exceptions are narrow



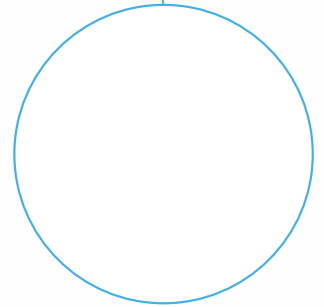
Relationship to Parliamentary Procedure

- The Brown Act contains legal requirements for open meetings and public access, including some applicable procedural requirements
- Parliamentary procedure (or “law”) is intended to ensure efficient and fair meeting conduct
 - Some elements of parliamentary procedure can be found in the Air District’s Administrative Code (e.g., quorum for committees is 5 members) and other elements in publications like Robert’s Rules of Order
- If there is a conflict, the legal (Brown Act) requirements govern
 - Example: Voting - Under Robert’s Rules elections of officers are typically by secret ballot; the Brown Act, however, prohibits any vote by secret ballot



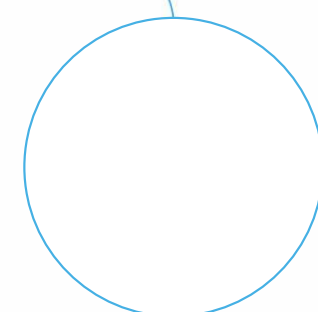
Legislative Bodies Under the Brown Act

- The following are considered “legislative bodies” under the Brown Act, among others (Govt. Code § 54952(a) and (b)):
 - The “Governing body of a local agency” or any other local body created by state or federal statute
 - Standing committees of a legislative body
 - Bodies created and/or appointed by formal action of a legislative body
- Newly elected members of the governing body even before they assume office must comply with the Brown Act (Govt. Code § 54952.1)



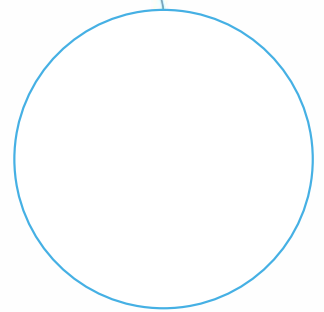
Brown Act Meetings

- A “meeting” is any gathering of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body (Govt. Code, § 54952.2)
- Includes meetings by teleconference, or communications by other electronic means (Govt. Code, §§ 54952.2, 54953)
- Be careful not to engage in “serial meetings” and “meetings” which may occur through use of email, communications devices (e.g., texting), and social media



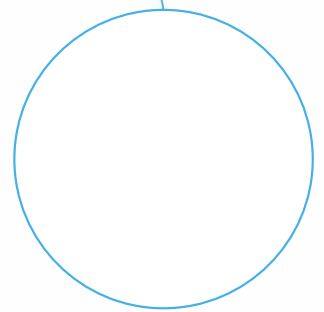
Virtual Meetings Under the Brown Act

- *In ordinary times*, the Brown Act provides that meetings may be conducted by teleconferencing (any electronic audio or video connection) under the following conditions:
 - Agendas must be posted at teleconference locations at least 72 hours before the meeting specifying all teleconference locations
 - There must be public access to each teleconference location
 - Public opportunity to speak must be provided at each teleconference location
 - All votes during teleconference meetings must be taken by roll call
 - (Govt. Code, § 54953 (b))



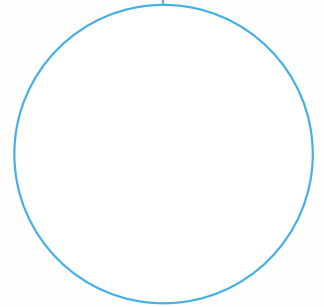
Voting

- Legislative bodies must publicly report (1) any action taken and (2) the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action (Govt. Code, § 54953(c)(2))
- Action by secret ballot is prohibited (Govt. Code § 54953(c)(1))
- If votes are not taken by roll call, the clerk or chair should read aloud the name of each member with his/her vote or abstention in open session



Public Comment (cont.)

- “The legislative body of a local agency may adopt reasonable regulations on public comment, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker.”
(Govt. Code § 54954.3(b)(1))
- “The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body.”
However, the Brown Act does not “confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law.”
(Govt. Code, § 54954.3(c))



Questions



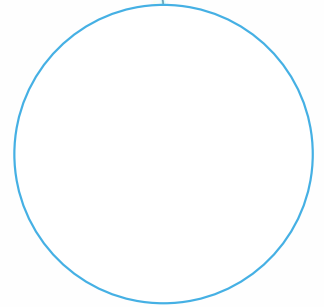
Welcome and Introductions



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Please take a minute to introduce yourself.

Tell us a little about your background and why you are excited to be a part of the Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee.



The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, AB 617 and the CERP Development Process

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Mission of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

Create a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident while protecting and improving public health, air quality, and the global climate

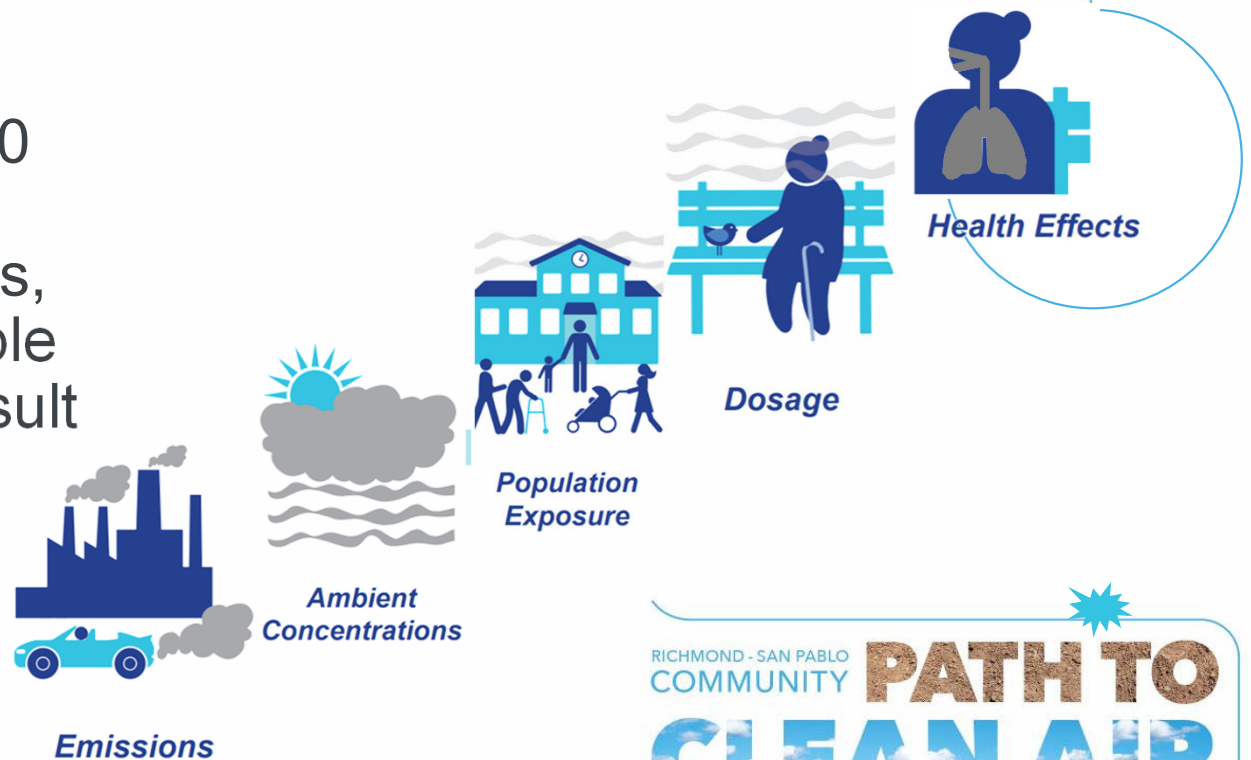
9 counties / 101 cities
8 million people
5 million vehicles



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Why Clean Air Matters

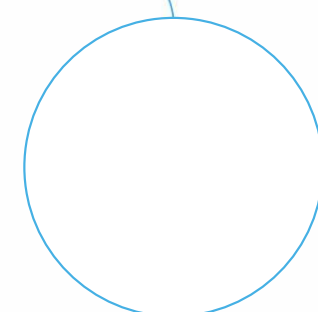
The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 9 out of 10 people breathe air that exceeds WHO guidelines, and that 4.2 million people die every year as the result of outdoor air pollution exposure.



Bay Area Air Quality Management District

How we protect clean air:

- Develop Air Quality Management Plan
- Adopt air quality **rules and regulations**
- Issue **permits** for businesses to comply with those rules
- Conduct periodic inspections and respond to air quality complaints to ensure **compliance**
- Develop and deploy **clean technology**
- Conduct **air monitoring**
- **Public engagement**, outreach, and education



Partners We Work With to Regulate Air Quality



What is the Community Air Protection Program (AB 617)

- Originated in negotiations regarding the extension of Cap & Trade program (AB 398)
- Responds to advocates' concerns with continued high levels of air pollution in historically disadvantaged communities
- Directly addresses toxics and criteria pollutants in the most impacted communities
- Initial communities serve as statewide models

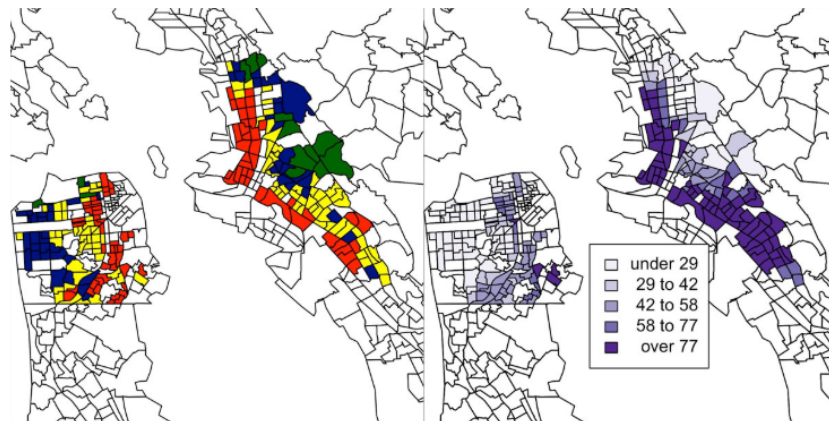


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AB 617 Program Goals

- Community-driven approach
- Eliminate air quality disparities in overburdened communities
- Reduce health burdens
- Enhanced transparency, access to information, and public engagement and education

Historical
redlining
maps



Asthma-
related ER
visits per
10,000
residents

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Why Richmond, North Richmond, and San Pablo?

Residents in the Richmond-San Pablo area are exposed to a substantial and complex mix of air pollutants including:

Petroleum refinery

A chemical plant

A coal and petroleum coke terminal

Organic waste, metal recycling facilities

Wastewater treatment plants, a landfill, and industrial and manufacturing plants of various sizes.

Mobile sources such as I-80, I-580 and on roadways such as Richmond Parkway and San Pablo Avenue, seaport operations, railways, and railyards.



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AB 617 Work in Richmond, North Richmond, and San Pablo

April 2019: Community Air Monitoring Plan Steering Committee formed to identify air quality concerns within neighborhoods and determine air monitoring actions to collect additional data.

March 2020: a 10-member Community Design Team (CDT) was convened to design, recruit and select a diverse Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) Community Steering Committee

July 2020: the Community Air Monitoring Plan was finalized (monitoring projects are underway)

February 2021: The California Air Resources Board Designates Richmond, North Richmond, and San Pablo for the development of a Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)

March 2021: The Air District Board finalizes the Steering Committee members to lead the CERP development process



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Purpose of Community-led Process

- Share power with local leaders to address longstanding environmental injustices
- Community members know their neighborhoods best
- Diverse perspectives, knowledge, and problem-solving approaches bring better solutions

Steering Committee

Neighborhood
Council leader

Youth climate
organizer

Doctor
studying
asthma and
air pollution

Union
representative

Economic
development
expert

Community
organizer

Land use
planning
expert

Local
environmental
justice leader

Local business
owner

Concerned
mother with
asthmatic
child

Air District Staff

Engineer

Lawyer

Planner

Scientist

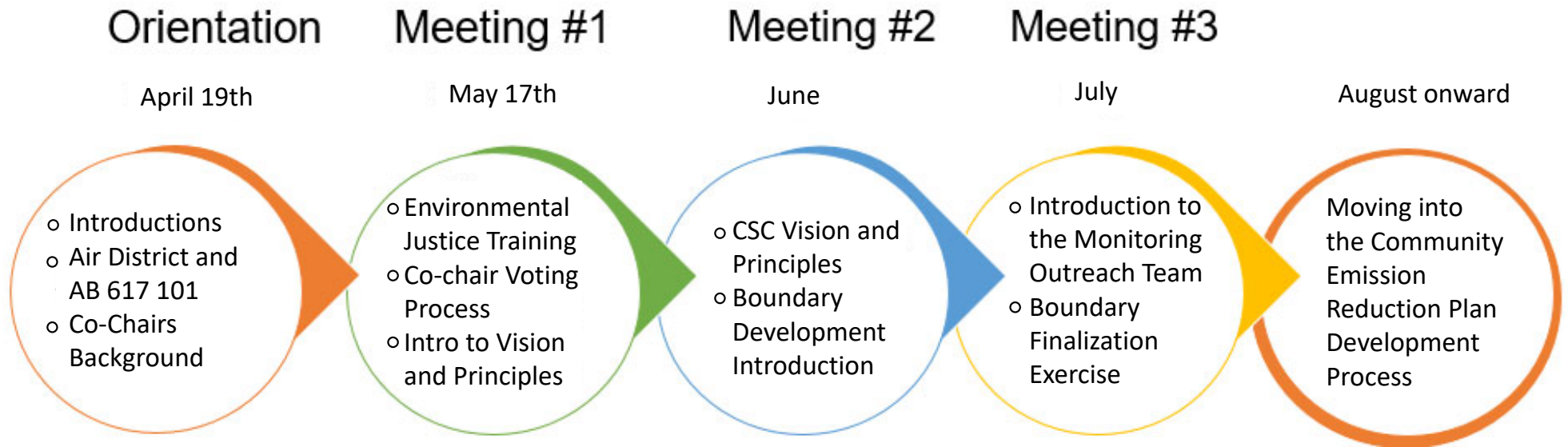
Community
Engagement
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Core Elements of a CERP



Path to Clean Air CERP Steering Committee Timeline



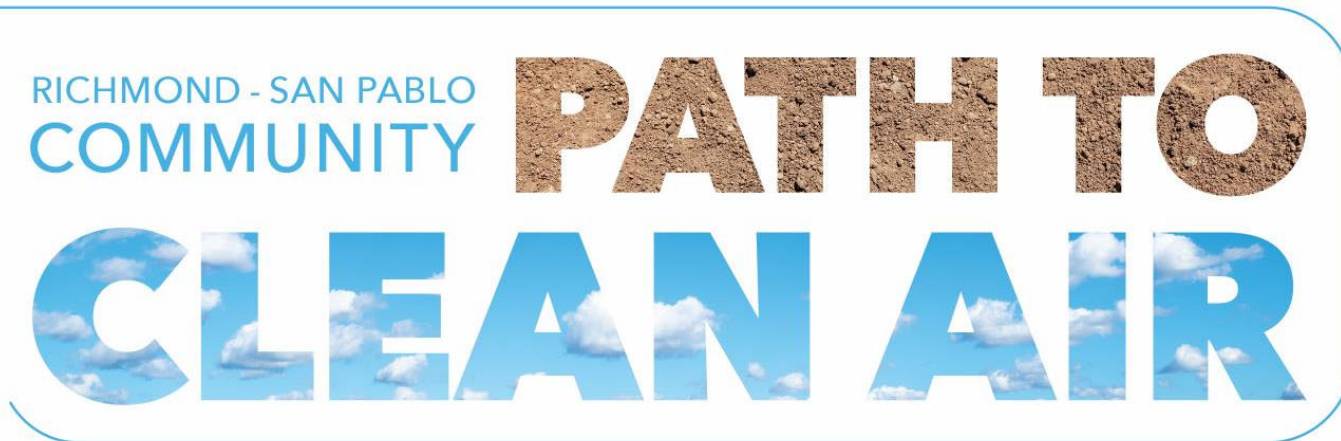
Questions and Discussions



Roles, Responsibilities and Nomination Process for Steering Committee Co-Chairs

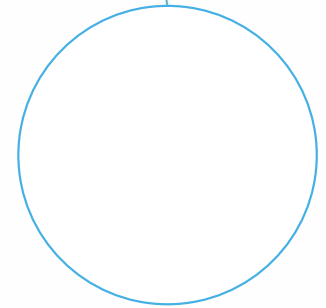
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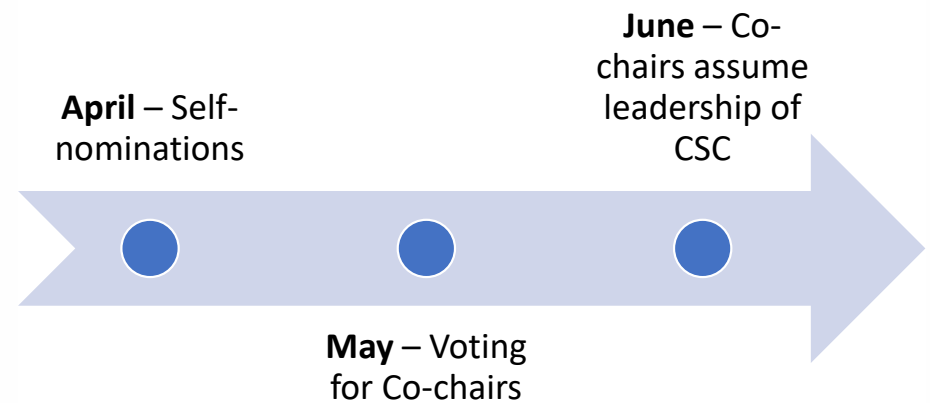
- The Steering Committee members will select the co-chairs to represent the committee, who will be responsible for:
- 1-2 orientation meetings with Air District staff
- Presiding over Community Steering Committee meetings
- Meeting multiple times per month with Air District staff to plan agendas and prepare for administering the Steering Committee meetings
- Provide direction for Air District to develop Community Emissions Reduction Plan Report
- Present for the Air District Board and Committees as needed



Self-Nomination Process

- When filling out survey, check 'yes' to indicate your interest on question #3
- Use the comment box to describe why your experiences, background, availability
- The self-nomination process will begin in May meeting, followed by two-minute speech at to explain you are interested in the Co-chair position

Email Kevin Olp if you have any questions



Questions and Discussions



Next Steps



Next Steps

Fill out the four-question survey to help us plan:

Schedule a standing monthly meeting time

Optional virtual meet-and-greet with another Steering Committee member

Indicate if you want to self-nominate for a Co-chair position

Provide feedback on how we can run our meetings better

Next Steps for Planning May Meeting

Scheduling, Team Building Sign Up, Co-Chairs Self-Nominations

1. Confirm which days of the month work best for Standing Steering Committee Meetings to be scheduled for the rest of the year. ☐ ☐

	never available	not ideal	no conflict
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Second Monday	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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2. Are you interested in being randomly paired to meet another Steering Committee member before the next Steering Committee meeting? ☐ ☐

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ If you would like to meet someone with a particular background, expertise or similar interest, please specify:

3. Would you like to self-nominate for a Co-chair of the Steering Committee? ☐ ☐

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ If yes, please describe why your experiences, background, availability, or other reasons you would be an ideal candidate for the Co-chair leadership position.

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Next Steps

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 17th
- The permanent meeting time and schedule for the next year will be determined based on the results from the survey.
- We will send you an email with next steps regarding the stipend distribution. Community Steering Committee Members can receive a \$100 stipend based per meeting.



Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

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